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1. Venezuelan authorities have launched a campaign to apprehend those persons who have entered Venezuela without proper documentation or without any documentation whatsoever. Each day the police are arresting large numbers of these immigrants who will either be sent to the Eldorado camp in the Delta de Amacuro Territory or be immediately expelled from the country. The police believe that during the last regime approximately 8,000 persons of various nationalities entered Venezuela illegally, the majority of these being Spaniards.
2. In view of this situation, Venezuelan legislators are contemplating changing the immigrant law. The new law will be very strict. The only changes so far reported indicate that the law will require all immigrants to notify the police of each change of residence within 24 hours after the change takes place. All hotels, boarding houses, etc., will be obliged to make out forms for the immigrants living there and submit a copy of this form to the police the day after the registration.

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